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FOR : **EXTRUDER SCREW NOSE AND
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In response to the Office Action of March 12, 2004, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to amend the claims as indicated and consider the following remarks: